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The Heirs of Payne  
To Logan & Lincoln Dr  
1844 To attending to Ejectment suit against  
Hall in Sangamon Circuit Court. \$20.00

Same  
To Lincoln Dr  
1845-6. To attending same suit in Supreme Court \$10.00

Same  
To Lincoln & Worman Dr  
1846. 7-8-9. v. 50. To attending to Chancery suit between  
same parties in Sangamon Circuit Court. \$10.00  
40.00

D. W. Linn

Dear Sir

Above is the Bill as you requested  
me to send you - Logan only attended the first  
trial in the Circuit Court - I alone attended that  
is without any parties attended the case in the  
Supreme Court. In the Chancery case Mr. Worman  
was my partner - I mention all this to explain  
the three separate bills -

Yours etc.  
A. Lincoln

## Law Partnerships of Abraham Lincoln

LETTER FROM MR. JUDD STEWART.

New York, June 16, 1916.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber,  
Illinois State Historical Society,  
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Weber:

In the Journal of October, 1915, No. 3, Vol. 8, page 498, is an article "Lincoln in Many Law Firms" from which one might very properly conclude that Mr. Lincoln had had as law partners at various times Ficklin, Harlan, Lamon and Goodrich in addition to Stuart, Logan and Herndon.

As a matter of historical accuracy this record, it seems to me, should be corrected, and since the accompanying fac-simile from my own collection establishes Lincoln's partnerships for the years 1844 to 1850 you may, if you desire, reproduce it in the next number of the Journal and perhaps you would like to include the following notes:

Lincoln was licensed to practice law in March, 1837; in the same year he was admitted to partnership by Jno. T. Stuart with whom he was associated for four years, or until April 14th, 1841. (Herndon's Lincoln, p. 264). He then became the partner of S. T. Logan till somewhere between November, 1843 and March, 1844 (Hill's Lincoln, The Lawyer, pp. 132-3—Herndon's Lincoln, page 265 states that the partnership of Lincoln and Herndon was formed in 1843). My document indicates Logan was his partner in 1844.

Now with respect to the documents mentioned in the October, 1915 number of the Journal: The Ficklin & Lincoln signature to document dated Oct. 25th, 1842, is clearly at the time Mr. Lincoln was in partnership with Judge Logan. There is no question but that Lincoln remained the partner of Herndon until Lincoln left for Washington; therefore, the documents signed,

Harlan & Lincoln,	Oct. 10th, 1845
Lincoln & Lamon	May 1855
Goodrich & Lincoln,	Oct. 9th, 1855

were all during the time that Lincoln and Herndon were partners.

The document in Lincoln's autograph, fac-simile enclosed, doesn't say that Logan was his partner in so many words, nor does it fix the date that the Lincoln-Herndon partnership was formed. It does, however, tend to straighten out the record of partnerships from 1844 to 1850, and shows conclusively that Herndon was Lincoln's partner when the documents signed—Harlan & Lincoln, Lincoln & Lamon and Goodrich & Lincoln, were executed.

My understanding of the reason for these signatures indicating a partnership is that it was customary in those days whenever two firms of lawyers appeared in a case, instead of signing as lawyers do now their firm names as "Lincoln & Herndon" and "Goodrich & ————" the lawyers simply signed their individual names. In any event, the autograph statement of Mr. Lincoln, of which I enclose photograph, disposes of the question of partnerships other than with Logan and Herndon from 1844 to 1850, and in my judgment the only partners he ever had were:

Jno. T. Stuart.....1837-1841

S. T. Logan .....1841-1843

Wm. H. Herndon .....1843-1860

Yours very truly,

JUDD STEWART.